

their country. These youth are the children of our national heroes and their perseverance, patriotism and achievements make them heroes in their own right.

Despite all the obstacles they face, military children continue to succeed. I commend Senator BAYH for his leadership in offering this important resolution and urge the Senate to support it.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY OF IDAHO

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I rise today to mark the 100th anniversary of the Children's Home Society of Idaho.

For the past century this organization has served Idaho's abandoned, abused and neglected children, first as an orphanage, and now as a counseling and foster care support system. Through the efforts of this remarkable organization, tens of thousands of lives have been touched and changed for the better.

Over the past 4 years, I have become acquainted with the society's newest program, "The Bridge." This program is a partnership with the Junior League of Boise, Inc., and the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. It was created to address the crisis Idaho and the rest of the nation are facing with an abundance of children entering foster care, and a lack of homes providing the care those children so desperately need and deserve.

"The Bridge" is now helping Idaho to meet its obligation to these children by bringing the State into compliance with federal mandates and by leading the way for significant foster care reform.

As an adoptive father who is familiar with the trials and challenges of the foster care system, I commend the Children's Home Society of Idaho for its contribution to America's children and families and am honored today to mark this important milestone.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO AMY STOUT

• Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, today I honor a courageous and dedicated young West Virginian: Ms. Amy Stout.

Before Amy even graduated high school, she joined the National Guard to help finance her college education. Shortly after Amy started her freshman year at Wesleyan, pursuing a degree in psychology, the events of September 11 took place. Within hours of that terrible event, Amy found herself guarding the wreckage of United Flight 93, near Shanksville, PA.

Amy remained activated with the National Guard for a year, serving Stateside in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania while working to complete her first semester of school.

Then, in the fall of 2002, Amy was once again activated, but this time she was sent to Camp Anaconda, north of Baghdad.

At a time when her fellow Wesleyan students were enjoying college life, Amy was serving her country as a gunner, providing security for 300-mile convoys. After her 12-month deployment, Amy returned to Wesleyan, determined to help people in as direct a way as possible. She changed her major to nursing.

Amy continued to pursue her nursing degree until, once again, the military called and Amy was sent back to Iraq, this time for 18 months. Amy's tour of duty ended on September 10, 2007, and she was back at Wesleyan the very next day, September 11, exactly 6 years after she was first activated by the National Guard.

In May 2008, Amy Stout will graduate with her nursing degree. She is a testament to the incredible bravery of our soldiers who sacrifice so much to protect this country. Her determination is an inspiration to her fellow students and her fellow West Virginians. She has served this nation with great honor and dignity and soon she will be a tremendous asset to the nursing profession.

It is with great pride that I congratulate her on her upcoming graduation and thank her for her service to this Nation.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5665. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Debt Management" (7 CFR Part 3) received on March 12, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5666. A communication from the Acting General Counsel of the Department of Defense, transmitting legislative proposals for the National Defense Authorization Bill for Fiscal Year 2009; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5667. A communication from the National Executive Secretary, Navy Club of the

United States of America, transmitting, pursuant to law, the organization's national financial statement for the year ending July 31, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5668. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting proposed legislation relative to the passenger aviation security fee; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5669. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting proposed legislation entitled, "The Rural Housing Section 502 Guaranteed Loans Enhancements Act of 2007"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5670. A communication from the Attorney, Office of Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Priorities and Allocations System" (RIN1991-AB69) received on March 4, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5671. A communication from the Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a recommendation entitled, "Safety Classification of Fire Protection Systems"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5672. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cross-Subsidization Restrictions on Affiliate Transactions" (Docket No. RM07-15-000) received on February 26, 2008; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5673. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a legislative proposal intended to implement an important new treaty for the protection of aquatic life and the marine environment; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5674. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting a legislative proposal entitled, "Federal Employees Short-Term Disability Security Act of 2008"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5675. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting a draft bill entitled, "The General Services Enhancement Act of 2008"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5676. A communication from the Acting Chief, Border Security Regulations Branch, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addition of San Antonio International Airport to List of Designated Landing Locations for Certain Aircraft" (Docket No. USCBP-2007-0017) received on March 6, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5677. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Federal Information Security Management Act"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5678. A communication from the Director, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tribal Energy Resource Agreements under the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act" (RIN1076-AE80) received on March 12, 2008; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.